The Great Festival to Be Celebrated With Song Services in Churches.

PROGRAMS OF THE MUSIC.

Preparations Made in the Churches for Christmas Day-The Theme of the Nativity Interpreted by Grand Music-The Hours of Service and Other Information.

The glad song of the angels that filled the beavens on the first Christmas day will be echoed in the churches tomorrow. During the years that have elapsed since the notes of the first Christmas carol was heard the theme suggested by the day has inspired the great musical composers to their best efforts. The interpretation of these works by a trained choir of singers constitutes an impressive feature in the services of the Catholic and Episcopal churches. As usual, the programs of music that will be rendered at the churches tomorrow have been carefully prepared and are the result of many weeks of careful training. Some idea of the character of the music rendered will be obtained from looking over the programs of music that will be rendered

will commence with high mass at 5 o'clock, when Rev. T. J. Kervick will be the celebrant. This will be followed by two other masses. At 9 o'clock there will be another mass said and at 11 solemn high mass will be sung, Rev. E. A. Williams, celebrant, Rev. T. J. Kervick, deacon, and Rev. Thos. Lee, subdeacon. Rev. Father Kervick will preach. Benediction will be given

At the high mass the following music will be At the high mass the following music will be St. Augustine's parish.—Christmas morning sung: Kyrie, Gioria, Sanctus et Benedictus and the doors of St. Augustine's Church will be Agnus Dei, by Theodoro Von La Hache, for male voices. Before the mass Adeste Fideles and at the offertory I'l Natalie, by Chas. Gounod. Solemn high mass, followed by benedic tion, at 11 o'clock a.m., during which the music will be as follows: Before mass, Adeste Fideles, Vincent Novello: Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis; Credo in Unum Beum Sanctus, o'clock; solemn high mass at 11 a.m., when the choir will sing Haydn's Imperial Mass; before Beethoven's Mass in C. At the offertery Jesu the sermon, Veni Creator, Wiegand; offertory, Redemptor Omnium, by Paola Giorza; before In Hac Nocte, Caglieri; benediction, O Salutaris the sermon Veni Creator Spiritus, by Gannon, and during benediction, O Salutaris, by Shelly, Tantum Ergo, by Deschauer, and Landote of the fellowing singers: Sopranos, Madame solo parts will be sustained by Mrs.

Zardee R. Smith and Miss Mary Sweeny, so-Zaidee R. Smith and Miss Mary Sween, Son, Mrs. L. Frater, Mrs. S. Greene, Miss C. pranos; Miss Margaruite Nolan, alto; Mr. Wm. Cole; altes, Mrs. Dr. Lofton, Miss Sarah Coak-H. Burnett, tenor, L. E. Gannon, baritone. Ley, Miss J. Johnson, Miss Agnes Robinson, and John F. Nolan, basso, all supported by Miss H. Jackson, Mrs. Brogden; tenors, Mr. Mrs. Mrs. Revent a chorns of twenty-eight voices.

Wm. Waldecker, organist; L. E. Gannon, di-

At Saint Teresa's Church, Anacostia, Rev. T. R. Hughes, paster, there will be three services on Christmes. At 5 a.m. high mass will be sung, a sermon appropriate to the day preached by the paster and solemn benediction of the blessed sacrament will follow immediately after mass. The music will be: Dichlman's hymn, mass. The maste wat be Lar; Kyrie, Gloria, With Glory Lit the Midnight Air; Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, &c., from mass in F by H. Gerold. The offertory will be an Ave Maria by Rordese, and a.m., Kyrie, Gloria and Ctedo, from Haydn's the communion, the Adeste Fideles as arranged by Rev. Calonel, C. S.S. R. At benediction the O Salutaris and Tantum Ergo, by Gade, will be sung. The choir will be under the direction of Prof. Ed. Davis, who is also the organist, and will consist of Misses Emma Bean, Jennie Bean, Rita Repetti, Nellie Hardy, Alice Web-ster, Annie Green, Gertrude Roland, Nellie Leonard, May Thyson, Messrs. George Caspar, Lucine Cross. Rebert Green and John Repetti Lucius Cross, Robert Green and John Repetti. There will be low masses at 7 and 9 o'clock. The altar of the church is a floral bower.

St. Mary's Church, 5th street between G and H northwest.-First mass, 5 o'clock a.m., at which the following will be sung: Farmer's Mass in B, with Adeste Fidelis from the arrangement of Vincent Novello as Offertory. High mass at 10:30 a.m., at which the same program will be repeated. Vespers at 4 o'clock p.m., at which Rosewig's Vespers, Berge's Tantum Ergo, O Salutoris, arranged for basso. Solo by Carl Evers. The following singers will take part: Sopranos-Miss A. Koch, L. Cooke, L. Doyle, M. Kaiser, L. Miller, R. Miller, K. Miss M. Sturm, M. Trilling, A. Ulmer. Alto-Miss A. Miller, M. Miller, B. Beuchert, R. Trill-Tenors-Messrs. Messing and F. I. Rup-Basso-Messrs. Maudsley, Haske, Neff. Arnold B. Meyer, organist. At the Georgetown College, commo

11:30 o'clock tonight. Christmas services will be beld. Gounod's mass will be sung at 12 by a strong choir of thirty voices.

At Holy Trinity Church high mass will be celebrated at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. The choir is composed of a large number of young people. La Hoche's mass is the one that

Christmas morning high mass will be cele brated in St. Peter's Church, 2d and C streets southeast, at 5 and 9 o'clock: low masses at and 8. The Rev. Henry Manritt will preach at the early mass. The choir will render the following music: Nazareth, Gounod; baritone solo and unison chorus; Mozart's Twelfth Mass; Veni Creator. quartet, Stollenesk; offertorium. Hac Nocte Cum Natis Est Jesus; Adeste Fideles, Novello. The members of the choir are: Sopranos, Miss Hattie Ritchie, Mrs. Josephine Johnson, Miss Anna Eaptista, Mrs. J. B. Light, Miss Nannie Callan, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. E. E. Clement and Miss Maria Costaggini; contraltos, Misses Katie Davis, Regina Baptista, Lillie Mapes, Mrs. Hill and Miss Rosa Meade; Lillie Mapes, Mrs. Hill and Miss Rosa Meade; tenors, Messrs. L. F. Randolph, A. Mosher, J. D. B. Peters, G. L. O'Hare and F. W. Bird; bassos, Messrs. Albert Schulteis, C. W. Moore, E. B. Fox, Joseph Germuiller, Maurice Brown, Van Vliet; Glorious Is Thy Name, Mozart; E. B. Fox, Joseph Germuiller, Maurice Brown, J. C. Tappan and C. B. Atchison; organist, Miss N. R. Kearon; director, Mr. F. W. Bird. Miss N. R. Kearon; director, Mr. F. W. Baro.

At St. Dominic's on Christmas morning masses will be celebrated every hour from 5 a. m. to 10:30 a.m. At5 o'clock selemn high mass m. to 10:30 a.m. At5 o'clock selemn high mass loss, Misses Minnetree, Durfee and Ballman; m. to 10:30 a.m. At5 o'clock selemn high mass loss, Misses Minnetree, Durfee and Ballman, tenors, Messrs. Skillman, Watson and McNaterior Messrs. Skillman, Watson and Pace, at the offertory, Buck's There Were & Shepherds; before the sermon. Veni Creator, male quartet, arranged from Rubenstein by Mr. R. J. Lowry, to be sung by Messrs. J. S. Smith, Al. Fennell, R. J. Lowry and Emil Holer. The choir is composed of the following singers: Sopranos, Misses Mary M. Hessler, May Fowler, Mollie Wright, Maggie Kelly, Fannie Kelly, Mary A. Brown, Angeline Petty, Jen-nie Hutton and Lillie Flannery; altos, Misses Katie F. Lackey, Estelle Fowler, Maggie Robertson, Helen Lackey, Rosie Rabbitt, Regina Fow-ler and Emma Hutton; tenors, Messrs. Al. Fennell, J. S. Smith, Richard Paul and Joseph Duffy; bassos, Emil Holer, Robt J. Lowry and Chas. F. Goodchild; organist and director, Miss

Mass No. 16. Adeste Fidelis, Novello; Pastorale, Lambdotte; Veni Creator, Guonod; O Salutaris, Tosti; Tantum Ergo, Wiegand. The choir will be as follows: Quirtet—Soprano, Miss Blanche Mattingly; aito, Mrs. Carl Jungen; tenor, Mr. William Mulleedy; basso, Mr. B. A. Eyan. Chorus—Sepranos, Mrs. W. H. Combs, Misses Ladies—C. T. Belt, George E. Terry, G. H. D. Rollings, S. Sullivan. Ladies—Wrs. Corvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Corvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Carvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Carvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Caidwell. Mrs. Carvell. Miss. Carvell. Miss. Carvell. Miss. Carvell. Miss. Carvell. Miss. Carv J. Mudd, M. Dyer, B. Bingham, B. Hickey, A. Miller, B. Wall, Mary Helen Howe, M. McCarthy, M. Donnelly, F. Atley C. Wood; altos, Mrs. M. W. Pierce, Misses G. Borbeck, C. Garrish, J. Wilkinson, S. Bartell, E. Howlett, A. E. Scammell, A. Smith and L. Smith; tenors, tra. Sunday school carol of Dr. H. E. F. Heath, Messrs. L. E. French, J. Mc-Dccember 27, at 4:15 p. m. Eirov, B. J. Lynch, T. Fitzgerald; bassos, Mesars, J. J. Fisher, Edw. Joyce, J. A. Epping, F. Mahoney, Edw. Lothrop, Collyer; organist, Miss Lonite Boone; director, Sig. M. Maing. St. Stephen's Church.—On Christmas high

mass will be celebrated at 5 o clock and will be followed by low masses: High mass will also be celebrated at 11 o clock. The musical pronew hymn, Glory to God; Marzo's Mass, Novelio's Adeste Fideles; at benediction, Gioza's hymn, No. 22, Goodrich; Gloria Tibi, Geo. Wm. Velio's Adeste Fideles; at benediction, Gioza's hymn, No. 17, Mendelssohn; offertory, Osalutaris and Lambilotte's Tantum Ergo. The choir is composed of the following singers: Sopranos, Mrs. Vaux, Misses Carter, Yeatman, Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Nune Dimittis, No. Sopranos, Mrs. Vaux, Misses Carter, Yeatman, S. Maher, Joe Carey, Mrs. Milton E. Smith, Misses McDermott, Maggie Gowans, Mrs. Mul-let and Miss M. O'Neil; altos, Misses M. Maher and Wetzel; tenors, Messrs. Fred Vaux, Guttenson, Allen and Hardy: bassos, Messrs. M. Maher. Becktel, Minor and Abbott: director, Mr. W. E. Abbott; organist, Mrs. Mary Gillen. The choir will be aided by Miss Katie Powers and Mrs. J.

Esputa Daly. St. Aloysius.—The music at St. Aloysius

Sherman; tenors, Messra. W. D. McFarland, Fred K. Crosby. S. H. Witherow, Frank Baxter, Charles Floecker and Mason; bassos, Messrs. J. H. Hickox, W. F. Brosnan, Reeside, J. H. McElroy, Prof. H. M. Paul and J. Hunter Galt; organist and director, Mr. H. C. Sherman. The Rev. Father Gillespie will preach at the late mass Christmas day on "The Nativity."

St. Joseph's.—Christmas morning at 5

St. Joseph's.—Christmas morning at 5 o'clock high mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church. Two low masses will follow Masses will also be celebrated at 7 and 90 clock and solemn high mass at 10:30. At the 50 clock mass the music will be selected from Mozart's I welfth and Marzo's Second masses. At the offertory Novello's Adeste Fideles. At the late or solemn high mass the entire program will be with orchestral and organ accompaniment. The choir will render Gouned's mass to St. Cecilla; Veni Creator, soprano solo and chorus, adapted from Gounod's Gallia. The offertory elected is Hummel's Alma Virgo. At the gradselected is Hummel's Alma Virgo. At the grad-uale and dismissal appropriate music will be rendered by the orchestra. The choir is com-posed of the following singers: Sopranos, Misses Frech, Joyce, Eichelberger and Mesdames Far-rell and Mehler; altos, Misses Tarr, Kubel, Kelly, Seibert, Tripplett, Knight and Mrs. Joyce; tenors, Messrs. Collins, Crosby, Souder and Melliss; baritone, Mr. F. Rebstock; bassos, Messrs, Brosuan, O'Hare and Mehler, organist Messrs. Brosnan, O'Hare and Mehler; organist,

St. Paul's parish .- At the 5 o'clock high mass Cone me's Mass, for four voices and chorus, including Dressler's Benedictus, will be rendered complete; at the offertory Hac Noete, Caglieri; at the communion, Adeste Fideles, Novello, post massa, Domine Salvena Fae Rempublicam. At the 10:30 high mass La Hache's Missa Pro Pace, complete, will be given, which will be followed with benediction of the blessed sacrament, at which will be rendered Salutaris soprano solo, La Hache; Tantum Ergo, duet chorus, Eossi; Sortie, Domine Salviena Fac zier, Anna Angela Treanor, Katie Shea and Annie O'Brien, tenors, Messrs. George Eberly, Ernest Smith, M. A. Egan and John Treanor; bassos, Messrs. E. T. Jones, Ignatius Straub and Peter C. J. Treanor; organist, Miss Mamie lasterson, who will be assisted by Mr. George k. Sheriff, who has kindly volunteered his services on this festival; director, John Trennor. opened and the church illuminated at 4:39 clock. At 5 o'clock there will be high mass, The choir will render the following program: Mass, Haydn's No. 2; before the sermon, Veni Creator, Handel; offertory, In Hac Nocte, Caglieri; communion, Adeste Fideles, Novello. Low masses will be said at 6:30, 7, 8 and 9 of the fellowing singers: Sopranos, Madame Irving Miss Annie Dey, Miss M. Simms, Miss Clara Wheeler, Miss H. Johnson, Miss J. Johnon, Mrs. L. Prater, Mrs. S. Greene, Miss C John J. Jackson, Mr. J. Simms, Mr. Sam Bower, Mr. V. Duvall, Mr. D. Jackson, Mr. Sam Bower, Mr. V. Duvall, Mr. D. Jackson, Mr. Patham; bassos, Mr. W. T. Bonjamin, Mr. J. Simms, Mr. Tom Benjamin, Mr. H. Chasley, Mr. C. Par-bam; Mr. H. A. Jackson, librarian.

Immaculate Conception Parish.—The musical program at this church on Christmas will be as Pastores l'astores, by Gounod; baritone solo and chorus; communion, There Were Shep-herds, by Dudley Buck. High mass at 16:39 Second; Benedictus Agnus Dei and Dona Nobis, from Mozart's First; Veni Creator, Gounod, tenor solo; offertory, Alma Virgo, Hummel; communion, There Were Shepherds, by Dudley Buck. The choir is composed of the following singers: Sopranos, Mrs. Clara B. Smith, Miss Mabel Whitesell, Miss McGill, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Bennett and Misses White, Armstrong, Knoop; altos, Mrs. D. C. Morrison, Mrs. King, Miss Sauter, Miss Wilson and Mrs. Bishop; tenors, Messrs. Knoop, Fersythe, Swett and Stiefel; bassos, Messrs. Grant, Nolan, Paul, Smith; organist, Miss Jennie Glennan. Carroll Memorial Church, Hyattsville.-On hristmas morning solemn high mass will be Credo, from Mercadante's mass in B flat, the St. Mary's P. E. Chapel (St. John's parish) Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei, from La 23d street between G and H streets northwest. Hache's mass. The choir is composed of the following singers: Sopranos, Miss Cora Rogers, Mrs. J. W. Aman, Misses T. Guista, R. Gailan, L. Acker and Mrs. Betts; alto, Miss Lou Reily; tenors, Messrs J. C. Weidman, J. W. Aman and W. Hickey; bassos, Messrs, G. E. Reily and J. F. Reily; organist, Miss E. Gallant,

Protestant Episcopal. St. Stephen's Church, Mt. Pleasant.-Rector Rev. Stuart Crockett; organist, Miss Zeverly sopranos, Miss Agnes Brown, Mrs. Louis Mauro, Miss Edith Brown, Miss Andrews, Miss Fletcher; alto, Mrs. Edwin McLeod; tenor, Mr. L. S. Fristoe; bass, Mr. Chas. N. Wake. cessional hymn, Adeste Fideles; Venite, La Hache; Gioria Patri, La Hache; Te Deum, Hopkins; Benedictus, Spohr; in-troit, Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings; Gloria Tibi, Paxton; hymn, 17; offertory, The Watchful Shepherds; Kyrie, Pilbrow; Sanctus, Yon Weber, adapted by Miss Agnes Brown; Com. Hymn 206; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Nunc Dimittis, Roman chant, arranged by S. B. Whitney: processional hymn 26.
Trinity Church, Washington. — Opening There Were Shepherds, Millard; Venite, Loretz Gloria Patri, 1, Millard; Gloria Patri, 2, Barrett: Gloria Patri, 3, Curtis: Te Deum Laud-Van Vliet; Glorious 18 In Stante, hymn 23, Shout the Glad Tidings Avison. Choir is composed of the following: Sopranos, Mrs. Myers and Misses Heiberger, Westhorpe.

Adeste Fideles; at the graduale, Date Sonatum Middleton; director, Mr. D. W. Middleton; or-Pace, at the offertory, Buck's There Were ganist, Mr. S. H. Jecko. The music will be re-Middleton; director, Mr. D. W. Middleton; orpeated the following Sunday.
St. Paul's Church, 23d street near Pennsylvania avenue, Rev. Aifred Harding, rector; Rev. Wm. Morrison, assistant minister.—Services on Christmas day as follows: Early celebration, 7:30 a.m.; matins and holy communion. II a.m.;
Processional, hyner 19, Adeste Fideles, Reading:
Venite in E. Havergal; Te Deum and
Jubilate in G. Smart; introit, hynan;
communion services in F, Messe Solennelle, Gounod; hymn 17; offertory anthem. "All kings shall fall down before Him, all nations shall do Him service, MacLeod; from cantata "Star of Bethlehem;"Nunc Dimittis, chanted; recessional, carol, The Snow Lay on the Ground, Warren. The music at 11 o'clock, sung by full vested Earbara Bischof.

St. Patrick's.—The following program will choir, with organ and orchestra. The choir is at the 5 and the 11 o'clock masses: Hayda's Leigh Corvell, Corning De Salles, Herman Mass No. 16, Adeste Fidelis, Novello, Pastorale, Lambdotte; Veni Creator, Guonod; O Salutaris, Johnnie Heath, Clarence Kelsey, Lee Kelsey,

Camp, Miss Fuller; crucifer, Thomas Mullett librarian, William Boss; cornetist, Thomas J MacNamee; organist and choirmaster, D. R.

254. Choir—Soprani, Miss Florence Gregg, Mrs. Wm. B. Orme, Miss Ida von Dachenhausen and Miss Agnes Green; alti, Mrs. Philip Maury and Mrs. John Taylor; tenori, Messrs. Perry B. Turpin, Albert R. Stuart, jr., and Sidney P. Hollingsworth; bassi, Messrs. Ernest Daniel, Wm. B. Orme, Charles Ehason, Clinton Ballinger and Hayden Gibbs; Miss Mary C. Dashiell, organist and director.

Emanuel P. E. Church, Anacostia, D. C.—

At the early mass, at 5 o'clock, Hayden's Mass No. 15 will be sung; at the offertory, Novello's Hayden's Mass No. 16 will be given with orrestra; Veni Creator, LePrevest; at the offertory, Costa's Date Sonatum; at the bear oreflestra; Veni Creator. LePrevest: at the offertory, Costa's Date Sonatum; at the benediction after mass, Wiegand's O Salutaris and Rossini's Tantum Ergo. The choir will be as follows: Sopranos, Mrs. D. I. Murphy, Misses Cecilia Murphy, Gertrude Smith, Elia Lausdale, M. A. Moore, Mrs. W. D. McFarland, Mrs. H. Deum, Rogers, in E flat; Benedictus Chant, from Beethoven; Introit hymn, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear; Kyrics, Tuckerman; Gloria Mirs. H. C. Sherman, Misses Alice Morse, Floruce Ball, Mrs. H. T. Crosby and Miss M. F.

ion; Sanctus, Camidge; hymn, Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Nunc Dimittis, medley; recessional, Angels From the Realms of Glory, Members of the choir are: Soprano, Harry Kelly, Milton Fillius, choir arc: Soprano, Harry Kelly, Milton Fillius, Richard Keating, Irving Lyles, Percy Keating, Michard Spaulding, Wm. Scanterburg, Julius Tolson, Waldo Bryan, Charley Baxter, Willie Lusby, Wilson Petty and Bee Bryan; alto, Howard Keating and James Hollister; tenor, Frank Lorry, Clark Frisbie, Dana Davenport and Messrs. Bryan and Shepherd; basso, Charles F. Roberts. Rector, W G. Davenport. Organist, Fred M. Bryan. Precentor, Charles F. Roberts. The same service will be repeated on the erts. The same service will be repeated on the Sunday following Christmas. The children's service will be held in Masonic Hall on the

Monday evening following Christmas
Church of the Incarnation, Rev I L. Townsend, S. T D., rector.—Early celebration of the holy communion at 7:30, at which service the music will be sung by twenty young ladies under the direction of Mrs. Leighton. Morning prayer and second celebration at 11 am at which the music as indicated he. ing prayer and second celebration at 11 a.m., at which the 'music, as indicated below, will be rendered by the surpliced choir, which is composed as follows: Sopranos—Masters Angus Porter, Burt Garrett, Fritz Hinrichs, Dean Edmonds, Joseph and Stuart Holland, Clayton Burbank, Clarence and Stuart Holland, Clayton Burbank, Clarence Simms, Granville Tennant, Gaston Wilbur and Spencer Geare, assisted by Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Rex. Smith and Miss Wells; altos, Masters Geo. Watts, Lewis Slater and Willis Bayliss, assisted ty Mrs. Lockwood, Miss Lockwood and Miss Harvey; tenors, Messrs. H. Stanley Hinrichs, William Langtree, Richard Bright, G. H. Pfeiffer, Owen Roberts, J. A. Rose and R. I. Geare; bassos, Messrs. Howard Edmonds, Wm. E. Bushby, Frank Bright, Oscar Hinrichs, Wm.
E. Harvey, H. W. Spofford, Rex Smith and
Bowie Roberts; organist, H. C. Leighter;
flutist, Mr. H. W. T. Jenner; director, Randolph and some of the churches of other denominations, as given below.

Catholic.

At St. Matthew's the Christmas celebration will commence with high russ at 5 o'clock, when Rev. T. I. Keyrich will be at 5 o'clock, when Rev. T. I. Keyrich will be at 5 o'clock, Camper and Mrs. Navier, alter Misses Miss Gratias Christo, Calkin in G; Nicene Creed, Stainer in F; hynn, "It Came Upon the Mid-night Clear;" offertory anthem, "Nazareth," Gounod (arranged for chorus by Dudley Buck); Sanctus, Calkin in G: Benedictus Qui Venit, Gounod; Gloria in Excelsis, Tours in F; Nunc Dimittess, Hodges in F; recessional hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." This music will be repeated on Sunday, December 27. The

> day, December 27, at 5 p.m., when prizes and presents will be distributed by the rector. Christmas services at the Church of the Epiphany will be conducted by the rector, Rev. J H Mckim at 11 a.m. The musical program will be: Anthem, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light," Goold; Venite, Exultemus Domino, Elvey; Gloria Patri, Mornington; Te Deum Laudamus in F, Pease Benedictus in G, Calkin; introit, "Hark! the Herald Angels," Mendelssohn: Gloria Tibi, Paxton; Adeste Fideles, Reading; offertory, "There Were Shepherds," Patticon. The members of the choir are Mrs. B. H. Nute, Mrs. J. M. Oyster, Mr. D. G. Miller, Mr. J. H. Kaiser, soloists; Mr. Walter Goold, organist and director, and a chorus of mixed voices. St. John's P. E. Church, Georgetown. Rev.

children's carol service will be held on Sun-

J. A. Regester, rector. —Service at 11 a.m; pro-cessional hymn 16, O Come All Ye Faithful; Venite, Boyce; Gloria Patri, Villiers Stanford; Te Deum, Henry Gadsby; benedictus, J. B. Dykes; hymn 24, Kyries and Gloria Tlbi, Woodward: hymn 17; offertory authern, O Zion, That Eringest Good Tidings, Sir Jno. Stainer; Sanctus, Woodward; eucharistic hymn 207; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant: Nunc Dimittis, Gregorian chant; recessional hyma 22, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear. At the 4 p.m. serprogram at this church on Christmas will be as pillows: High mass at 5:30 a.m., Haydn's Third dass; before mass, Adeste Fideles: offertory, Pastores Fastores, by Gounod; baritone solo and chorus; communion, There Were Shepherds, by Dudley Buck. High mass at 10:39 a.m., Kyrie, Gloris and Credo, from Haydn's Second; Benedictus Agnus Dei and Dona Nobis, from Mozart's First; Vent Creator, Gounod, tenor solo; offertery, Alma Virgo, Hummel; communion, There Were Shepherds, by Dudley Waters and Will Waters; altos, Masters Chas. Waters and Will Waters; altos, Masters Chas. Waters, Willie Beall and John Brodt; tenors, Messrs. F. S. Barbarin, Chas. Cropley and Wn Looker; bassos, Messrs. Frank H. Barbarin, Lee Cox, sr., Guy Davis, Reginald Looker, Karl Cooke and Harry Hughes, assisted by a number of ladies. Mr. W. E. Middleton is the organist and Mr. Q. A. Pearson choirmaster. Christ Church (East Washington), Rev. Gil-Myers, DeLacey and Jordan; director, Mrs. C. bert F. Williams, rector.—First service, holy communion, 8 a.m.; service, sermon, 11 a.m.; processional hymn 19; Venite in D, Sudds; Gloria, Rogers; Te Deum, E flat, Baumbach; elebrated in St. Jerome's Church at 5 o'clock Jubilate in D. Danks; Gloria Tibi, Smith

> The following music will be sung: Processional hymn 233; Christmas authem, Mornington; Glorias, Russell, Dupuis, Beethoven and Platte; Te Deum, Thos. Spencer Lloyd, Jubilate Deo, Corbin; Introit, hymn 25; Kyrie Eleison, Tuckerman; Gloria Tibi, Dykes; bymn 20; offertory solo, A Dream of Bethlehem, Paul Rodney; Sanctus, Spohr; communion hymn 205; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Recessional hymn 23. The choir will be under the direction of Mr. J. W. Cole and will consist of: Sopranos, Mesdames Lula Brooks, Virginia Calloway and Laura Taylor, with Misses Georgie Makell, Gertrude Webster, Mamie Shepherd and Lulie Warner; alto, Mrs. Alberta Savoy; tenors, Messrs. J. A. Johnson and H. Wythe Lewis; bassos, Messrs. A. K. Brodie and J. C. Erwin; organist, Mr. Frank Jones; violinist, Mr. Joseph H. Douglass. At the Jefferson Street Baptist Church, Anacostia, Rev. Mr. McCullough will preside and in the morning deliver a Christmas sermon. The choir will be under the direction of Mr. J. in the morning deliver a Christmas sermon. The day will not be celebrated by the Sabbath school till later in the season. Morning service will be conducted at Bethlehem Colored Bap-tist Church of Hillsdale by Rev. W. H.

The services will be conducted by Rev. J. M. F.

Astreets southeast, Rev. A. F. Steele, rector. — On Christmas day there will be early celebration of the holy nunion at 7:30 o'clock. Morning prayer early and a second celebration at 11 o'clock, at which hour the following music will be rendered by the vested choir of the church, consisting of thirty voices under the direction of Mr. John E. Parker: Matins—Processional, Adeste Fideles; Venite, Savage: Proper Psalms, xix:45 and 85; Te Deum Dyke in F; Benedictus, Dupnis; holy communion; Introit hymn, No. 17; Kyries, Hodges; Gloria Tibi, Dyke; Hymn, No. 18-tune, St. Martin's; Gloria Patri, Savage, Offertory, Arise, Shine, Elvey; Offertory Sentence, Anon; Sanctus, Camidge; Hymn, 203; Gloria in Excelsis, chant; Nunc Dimittle, Arson; Recessional, 233. On the Sunday Christmas Feast of St. John the gelist. The full festival service will be re-peated. At even song on that day there will be full choral service, at which time Garrett's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis will be sung. The choir of the church is as follows: Boys-The choir of the church is as follows: Boys—Freddie D. Bradford, Bennic Brashears, Sannel W. Danah, Theodore Dalton, Clarence V. Everett, George V. Eurushaw, Eart Godwin, Willie E. Hillgar, Albert B. Hamilton, Theodore G. Howe, Ira W. Johannas, Dana B. Johannas, Charles K. Mangum, W. Gilbert Ray, Walter M. Shome, Bohest L. Shome, Coally, Token, F. Shomo, Robert L. Shannon, Cecil A. Tolson, F. Ashby Wallace, Daniel V. Walke, John E. Parker, jr., Pinkney Earnshaw. Gentlemen-Jo seph W. Shaw, Franklin Moore, Will S. Hodges, James R. Gemmill, Arthur J. Perkins, H. C. Cheston, Henry Blair, Finkney Gaddis, Dr. C. M. B. Harris, Herbert S. Town. Miss Mildred Johnston, organist. Mr. John E. Parker, choir-

Christ Church, Navy Yard, will observe Christmas with a eucharistic service at 8 a.m., conducted by the rector, Rev Gilbert F. Williams. The musical program at the 11 a.m.

tra. Sunday school carol service on Monday, December 27, at 4:15 p.m.

Christ Church, Georgetown, Rev. Albert R. Stuari. D. D., rector. — Holy communion Thursday evening at 11 o'clock, morning prayer and holy communion, Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. Processional hymn, No. 21, Thy Seat, O God, Endureth Forever, Daniel; Gloria Patri, 1, Samuel Jackson; 2, Mosenthal; Te Deum, L. E. Dressler, in C. Jubilate Deo, Samuel P. Warren, E flat, introit hymn, No. 22, Goodrich; Gloria Tibl, Geo. Wm. Warren; hymn No. 17, Mendelssohn; offertory, Echold, I Bring, Rev. E. V. Hall, Safietus, St. John's Church, Christmas day, at 11

Ed Gibbons and Harry Howell.

St. John's Church, Christmas day, at 11;
o'clock a.m. Program of music: Morning
prayer; Processional, hymn 19, Adeste Fideles,
Reading; Venite. exultemus domino. in Ab,
Daniel; Proper Psalms, 19, 45 and 85; Gloria
Patri in A, Atkinson, Te Deum Landamus in
Bb, Stanford; Benedictus in Bb, Beethoven; holy communion; introit anthem, Alleluia, O Zion, Stainer;
Kyrie, in Db, Daniel; Gloria Tibi in C, Tallis; Hymn 24, Angels From the Realms of
Glory, Smatt, effectory anthem O Sing to Glory, Smatt; offertory anthem, O Sing to 17. Hark! the Herald Angeis Sing, Mendelssohn.
Choir—Men, basses, Nathaniel B. Fugitt, Ernest
H. Daniel, R. H. Atkinson, J. C. Spencer;
tenors, W. G. Penncy, W. H. Daniel, Geo. B.
Cooper, S. C. Gowing; boys, altos, Harry
Putasche, Frank Pilson, Gustave Escher, Lewis
Keppler, Miss Florence Stidham; sopranos,
Fred Hazard, Louis Fiske, Richard Herrick,
Walter Locke, Max Maxwell, Willie McKim,
Harry Ellis, Harry Pierce, Walton Goodwin,
Thos. Stretton, Lyman Cozzins, Horsee Chifton, Bussell Train, Thom. Williamson, Henry

Merriam, Fred Siebold, Karl J. Daniel, Miss Louise Moeller; Wm. H. Danielf, choir master: John Theophil, organist; Bayard Gibson, librarian; Fred Blackford, assistant librarian.

Sunday school carol service on Sunday after-noon, December 27, at 4 o'clock. Church of the Ascension, corner Massachu-setts avenue and 12th street northwest, Rev. Dr. John H. Elliott, rector.—7:30 a. m., holy ommunion; music by the chapter of praise; Miss Eleanor G. Hanson, director; Miss Katharine Gilman, organist. 11 a. m., morning prayer, sermon, holy communion, music by the church choir, as follows: Processional, hymn 24, Benite in B flat, A. G. Robyn; Gloria Patri, G. W. Walter; Te Deum, T. S. Lleyd; Jubilate Seo, I. Alzamora; introit, hymn 20, Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices; Kyrie Eleison, Elvey: Gloria Tibi, Holmes; hymn 17; offertory, Elvey: Gloria Tibi, Holmes; hymn 17; offertory, Sing, O Heavens: offertory, Ascription, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow; Sanctus, B. Tours: Communion Hymn, No. 206; Gloria in Excelsis, Gilchrist. Soprani—Miss Marie McNichol, Mand Porter, Virginia Hurst, Edith H. Say, Julia Rockwell, Stella Billings, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Buell, Mrs. Arundel; contralti—Miss Virginia Evans, Eleanor Hanson, Maud Tallmadge, Mrs. Gueny: tenori—Mr. J. G. Traylor, Mr. Davis; bassi—Mr. W. D. Hoover, Messrs. W. E. Williams, C. F. Hall, Peyton Garden, E. M. Shirley, J. C. Stocks, Organist, Miss Minnie M. Bailey. Director, Miss Virginia Evans.

St. Luke's P. E. Church, 15th street near P,

St. Luke's P. E. Church, 15th street near P. Rev Alex. Cromwell, rector. - Morning prayer; sermon by the rector and administrat the holy communion at 11 a.m. service; full choral; organist, Mrs. Harvey; precentor, Mr. O. Taylor, with choir of six men and six ladies and twelve boy choristers; To Deum by Rev.

Lutheran. St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, corner of 11th and H streets northwest, S Domer, pastor.—Services at 11 o'clock on Christmas morning: Gloria Patri, Norris; Kyrie, Gloria in Elcelsis; Festival Te Deum, Schnecker; Sing, O Heavens, Clare; Christmas Anthem, Brown; Chart of Nights, Van de uartet—soprano solo, Night of Nights, Van de Vater; baritone solo. The Birthday of a King, Neidlinger; Hymns 230 and 233, Book of Worship. Choir—Miss Sue H. E. Wilson, soprano; Miss Laura Zeh, alto; Mr. P. M. Richardson, tenor; Mr. W. A. Domer, baritone; Mr. Edwin

Shope, organist. Church of the Reformation (Lutheran), Pennsylvania avenue and 2d street, Capitol Hill.— At 11 o'clock there will be a Christmas homily by the paster, Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D., and by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D., and the following music will be given: Organ prelude, Christmas anthem, Sing, O Heavens, Simper; Gloria Patri No. 1 in G. Norris, Kyrie: Gloria in Excelsis in G. Shout the Glad Tidings, Williams; Te Deum No. 5 in B minor, Buck; Christmas Hymn No. 233, Adeste Fideles; offertory, Oh. Holy Night, Giffe; Hymn 230, Hark, the Herald Angels: organ postlude. ingels; organ postlude. Angels; organ postude.

Quartette choir—Soprano, Mrs. William E.
Parson; alto, Miss Thomas; tenor, Mr. Harry
Simons; basso, Mr. Warren Rich; organist, Mrs.
Wm. Hamilton Eayly; director, Mr. Harry Si-

mons. This musical program will be repeated next Sunday morning.

There will be the usual early service at 6 a m. Christmas day at Grace Reformed Church, 15th street between P and R. I. avenue. The decorations of the church are among the most artistic in the city, including a miniature landscape to represent the scene of the nativity. The Sunday school will have Christmas services of song Sunday, the 27th, at 6:30 p.m. The school and congregation will send Christmas gifts to the St. Paul's Orphan Home at Butler,

At Concordia Church, corner 20th and G streets northwest, Christmas services at 11 a.m. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Ernest Drewitz. Music by the choir. Communion will be celebrated after the service.

Luther Place Memorial Church, corner of 14th and N streets northwest, Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., pastor; Rev. Charles H. Butler, associate pastor.—The usual Christmas day service will be held in the chapel at 7 o'clock a.m. Also appropriate Christmas service on Sunday after Christmas when the following the chapel at 1 o'clock a.m. hristmas, when the following music sung at the morning service, 11 o'clock: Voluntary (a), organ solo, (b), bass sole and chorus, "In the Beginning Was the Word," Danks; Gloria Patri, Dr. Boyce; Kyrie, Seiffert; Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant. At the offertory so-prano solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Adams, prano solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Adams, prano solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Adams, Mrs. J. W. Bradford. After sermon full chorus with quartet—Unto You a Savior is Born, Michael Watson. At the evening service, 7.30 o'clock, the anthem, with soprano solo, Glory o'clock, the anthem, with solony o'clock, the anthem, with solony o'clock, the anthem, with solony o'clock, the anthem o' to God on High, Simper, will be sung at the offertory. The members of the choir are: Soprani, Mrs. J. W. Bradford and Miss Mary F. by the Rev Father Eussell, assisted by the Rev Father Eussell, assisted by the Rev. Father Fitzpatrick as deacon and the Rev. Danks. Choir: Miss M. Storm, soprano; Miss E. Simonds, alto; J. S. Smith, tenor; R. J. Lowry, basso; chorus, Misses F. Gibbons, M. The choir will render the following program. At the first mass La Hache's mass, offertory, Adeste Fideles, Novello. At the second mass of Colors, M. T. Tueil and J. Howell; director, Adeste Fideles, Novello. At the second mass of Colors, M. T. Tueil and J. Howell; director, Gibbons, M. T. Tueil and J. Howell; director, Messrs. John H. and Frank D. Seiffert, organist, Miss Ella C. Butler; cornet, Dr. Wm. Long. The Sunday schools connected with the come around. And it has always been one of the greatest pleasures of my life. I forgotlast

haus, pastor, the musical program for Xmas morning will comprise the rendering of Ehre sei Gott in der Hohe, Will Phit presiding at the organ. Misses Katie Vogel and Lulu Schmidt, air; Miss Lizzie Plitt and Mrs. Katie Heroid, alti; M. E. May, basso, and Herm Ohm, tenor. In the evening at 7:30 will take place the Christmas celebration with the German

Other Churches. Church of the Holy City, Dupont circle, Rev. Frank Sewall pastor.—Processional carol, Hark the Skies; responsive introit, O Zion, That Bringest;" carol, Norvell; Old English, Benedictus; Anglican carol, Once Again, Johnson; offertory, He Shall Feed His Flock, Handel; recessional carol; holy communion.
At the Congregational Church, corner 10th
and G streets northwest, the pastor, Rev. S. M. Newman, will conduct a special service on Christmas morning and services appropriate to Christmas will occur on the following Sunday. At the Christmas service this music will be per-At the Christmas tervice this music will be performed: Organ produde, Adeste Fideles, varied; recitative, Comfort Ye. My People, Handel; air, Every Valley Shall Be Exalted, Handel; chorus, For Unto Us a Child is Born, Handel; chorus, Halledujah, Handel; Christmas anthem. Harry Rowe Shelley; organ postlude, Christmas march, Merkel. The members of the choir are: Dr. J. W. Bischoff, organist and director; soloists—soprano, Miss Cora Boyd; contralto, Miss Ruth Thompson: tenor. Mr. Fred Grant. base

Ruth Thompson; tenor, Mr Fred Grant; bass, Mr. William L. Wilson, and chorus of fifty nue, Hillsdale, will begin a Christmas service at 5 o'clock a. m. The paster, Rev. F. Jesse Peck, jr., will preach a special Christmas ser mon. An extra musical program will be served up by the choir, under the conductorship of Prof. J. Loudon, with Mrs. E. Weims as accom-Prof. J. Loudon, with Mrs. E. Weims as accompanist. The choristers will be: Sopranos—Miss Nancy Alexander, Mrs. Triplett, Mrs. Sarab Wills and Miss Bessie Lear; altos—Miss Georgie Lear and Miss Johnson; bass—Mr. Frederick Smoot, Mr. R. Johnson and Mr. A. Fraxier. A quartet, composed of Mrs. E. Weims, Miss M. Ford, Mr William Weems and Mr. William Williams, will render the anthems Watchman, What of the Night? Joys of the World, Peace

on Earth and Glory to God. The church will be garlanded with evergreens.

Snow Creek Colored Baptist Church of Hills-dale will hold Christmas services at 4 o'clock in the morning. The pastor, Rev. W. T. Brooks, delivers a sermon appropriate to the time. The little church will be masked in crowfoot and cedar draperies. Dr. Brooks expects some city At Allen A. M. E. Chapel, Garfield, Rev. Dr.

At Allen A. M. E. Chaper, Garnerd, Rev. Dr. S. M. Johnson will furnish his flock with an appropriate Christmas sermon, and the choir, conducted by Prof. John A. Smith and accompanied by Mr. Louis Hickman, will give an laborate program.

At the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church At the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church the Christmas celebration will be on Sunday, and the following program has been arranged: Kyrie Eleison, Sir S. G. Elvey; hymn No. 391, Handel; authom, This Blessed Night, Cagliero; Christmas anthem, Cranmer; Gaudeamus in B flat, Diabelli; hymn No. 516, Holden. Choir is composed of the following: Soprano and directress, Mrs. Lena Miller McKinney; alti, Mrs. Clara Roynolds, Miss Katie Wright; tenor, Mr. J. E. Rattley; bassi, Messrs. J. J. Goode, J. S. Smith; organist, C. C. McKinney.

sassinated in Phoenix Park, Dublin, on May 6, 1882, a few hours after being sworn in as chief secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ircland. The duke will therefore be succeeded in his numerous titles and immense estates by the Right Hou. Spencer Compton Cavendish, weil known to the world as the Marquis of Hartington, who was born on the 23d of July, 1833. The marquis was once talked of as a temporary successor to Mr. Gladstone as a liberal leader and, it is said, might have been a son-in-law of the cessor to air. Gradstone as a interal reader and, it is said, might have been a son-in-law of the queen if he had wished. He is not married, and, being nearly sixty years old, there is not much probability that he ever will be.

The question as to whether the United States is to be made the dumping ground for all the worn-out English pensioners that the British government chooses to send over here is agi-

A CHRISTMAS LETTER

Santa Claus Answers His Correspondents Through The Star.

MANY LITTLE CHILDREN

Have Told Him What They Hope to Find in Their Stockings or on the Tree Tomorrow and the Old Gentleman Comments Upon Their Wishes.

Santa Claus has sent another letter to THE STAR giving some more of the queer things be found in the letters that the children have sent o him this year. This one came a little too late on Saturday to be used in connection with the long one that was printed from him that day, and so it is given today. He writes as

My Dean Star Boys: After I wrote to you the other day I found another mine of interesting notes from the little ones, and I snatch a few moments more to tell you about them. I regret to say that some of my correspondents are so forgetful as to leave out their addresses or their names, so that it will be impossible for me Drykes; Benedictus by Handel; hymns 2, 20, to send them the letter that I would like to send, and from this cause the whole number of replies that I will make will be reduced to about a thousand.

MAUD LOVES HER PAPA.

Without any further preliminaries I shall give you some extracts from this second batch of interesting letters, picked out from the mass Maud is ten and she evidently loves her papa very much, for she says: "I just tell you he is a nice man, and he is going to get us lots for Christmas. We are all going to save up and give papa a pair of nice slippers." That is proper. Mand has caught the spirit of reciocity. She may not know what that means, but her good papa will explain the word to her I have no doubt.

EDWARD NEED NOT FEAR. I have made arrangements with the railroad ompanies to keep me informed whenever families move, and I have a special contract with the men who publish the city directories to give me the advance sheets of their books. A dainty little envelope comes inside another and contains a printed note from fouryear-old Frances. It is very cleverly done.

I get ever so many postal cards. I don't like
postal: as a rule, but at this season anything from the children is acceptable and wel-

VILLETTE'S POSTSCRIPT. Villette, at the age of seven, writes to say that she will go to sleep and dream of me. That is very complimentary. She adds one of hose very feminine things to her letter, a postscript, in which she informs me that she sends me a Christmas present. I have not received it yet, but I am looking for it very anxiously. It is not very often that I get presents. My line is in giving things, not receiving them, and this lattle remembrance will be particularly clayer.

be particularly clever.

Maud writes to me on a nice little sheet of paper that bears on the upper right-hand corner the picture of a slate with a pencil hanging from it, and this legend on the side: "Please make a memorandum of this." I presume that this refers to Maud's request, "I would like to get a tricycle or a ring, if you please." get a tricycle or a ring, if you please.' get a tricycle or a ring, if you please."

One of the notes is printed very plainly, but the name is run together so that I can hardly make it out. I will give it just as it looks, and you may see what trouble I have had in learning the names of my correspondents: Vernoneneskridgewest. He—I merely know that the writer is a boy by the text of the letter—says: "I am a good little boy, my mama says. I want a little sailor doll please."

the Sunday schools connected with the church will celebrate their Christmas festival the greatest pleasures of my life. I forgot last Tuesday evening. December 29, at 6:30 o'clock, with unusually interesting exercises and an offering for the poor.

At Zion's Lutheran Church. Rev. A. Homrighaus, pastor, the musical program for Xmas haus, pastor, the musical program for Xmas when I was three years old, and mama says as soon as I put my eyes on it I clapped my hands and shouted: 'Oh, the good fellow has been here and put all the things on it!' I was nine years old last August, and hope that you will answer this letter as you promised. Large will answer this letter as you promised. I am trying to be a good girl just now, anyhow, and I go to Sunday school every Sunday, except when I had the measles."

Frances is six and prints a few lines, adding, at the end: "Mama told me how to spell these words. IRENE IS A DIPLOMAT.

Irene is a little diplomat. She knows how to andle the hearts of foolish old men like me. Listen to her honeyed words: "I am sever years old and have had visits from you when I was asleep. My mama has been teaching me a little song to Santa Clause which I am to sing with some girls and boys at my Sinday school entertainment. I am not going to try to tell you all the things I would like to have for fear you might think me greedy, but I will tell you, dear old Santa Clause, that I love you dearly and would like to see you."

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Some little folks ask very awkward question just now. I wonder if Jerome thinks I am going to give away all the secrets of my trade going to give away all the secrets of my trade by answering the queries in this note of his: "I thank you very much for the monkey you sent me on the tree, but I want to know what becomes of all the things you put off the tree after Christmas. I never see them any more till the next year. I tell you I have been try-ing to be a good boy, for I want to get a writing desk with a blackboard in it. I always go to Sunday school and help my mother set the table. I have a sister named Bessie. She wants more I have a sister named Bessie. She wants more than I do. I wish I could see you. I would than I do I wish I could see you. speak a piece for you. I want a sled, a gun, a soldier suit, a set of tools. I would like a live goat and wagon, but mama says it will eat the clothes up.". Bessie must want a great deal.

MARY'S MAMMA IS DEAD. Here is another of those letters tinged with sadness that I mentioned in my last letter to you: "I am a little girl seven years old. I have a dear little maltese kitten named Blossom; won't you please bring her a new ribbon and bell. Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a pair

of skates and a picture book and a set of dishes and a pair of brown kid gloves and a pair of handkerchiefs. My mama is dead and this is the reason I ask so much. Mary."

He:e is a letter that may please your business manager. It is from Arthur, who lives in Anacostia: "Do you read The STAR? Papa and mama read it because it is a good necessary. mama read it because it is a good newspaper. You must think it a good paper to advertise in. I would like a letter from you." It has surely been a good friend to me this year, dear Arthur, been a good friend to me this year, dear Arthur, for it has brought to me some of the brightest rays of happiness I have known in many a year.

And here is a note that you sent to me by mistake. It is addressed to yourselves, and you must have overlooked it in your rush. I shall not send it back, but just quote from it, as I suppose it was really written for my eye:

"Dear Evening Star—I think you are very nice to get us a letter from Santa Clause and I want to get us a letter from Santa Clause and I want

I have struck one rather funny little note

that came in two pieces with a clever little joke in it: "I hope you will trim a big nice tree The Duke of Devoushire Dead.

The Duke of Devoushire, who has for a long time been lying ill at his residence, Holker Hall, Milnethorpe, England, is dead. The only surviving son is the Marquie of Hartington, Lord Edward Cavendish, the youngest it was true, so I am going to ask you if it is son, having died only a few months ago. An elder son, Lord Frederick Cavendish, was as a cold where you live. I will tell you now what I want. I solder son, Lord Frederick Cavendish, was a cold where you live. I will tell you now what I want. A soldier suit, a horn, harness for the goat, a drum, a bank and a air gun. I am son, having died only a few months ago. An elder son, Lord Frederick Cavendish, was assisted in Phoenix Perk, Dublin. on May 6, 1882, a few hours after being sworn in as chief secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland. The duke will therefore be succeeded in his numerous titles and immense estates by the Right Hou. Spencer Compton Cavendish, weil known to the world as the Marquis of Hartington, who was born on the 23d of July. 1833. The marquis was once talked of as a temporary successor to Mr. Gladstone as a liberal leader and, it is said, might have been a son-in-law of the queen if he had wished. He is not married, and, being nearly sixty years old, there is not marked.

a bank, a drum and a gun. Dear Santa Claus, have you got all the names in a big book? I am eight years old. You will find my stocking hanging on my mantel bed."

But the dearest little letter of all that have come to me is one that I can't read. It was written by Estelle, four years, old, and is inclosed in a note written by her mother, who says that Estelle cannot write legibly, but has tried her best. Estelle's letter covers four pages—one for each year of her life—and looks

very much like mountain peaks. It is thicker on the first page than on the others, and I am sure that there is where she tried to tell me what she wanted for Christmas. There are nineteen big black dots on this page, and I am puzzled to find out what they mean. The lines grow further and further apart until they are very wide on page four, and I can imagine Estelle's little head tumbling over with sleep as she finishes her hard task.

the finishes her hard task. HARRIET'S CLEVER LITTLE POEM. I shall close this installment with a very elever little poem that was written to me by en-year-old Harriet.

"Dear Santa Claus, on Christmas eve
It, passing by, you'd only leave
A wel-filled package, larke or small,
"I would be accepted by us all.
Your kindly face, that beams with loy,
Well known to every girl and boy,
Well known to every girl and boy,
We all look forward to with pride
And greet you from your long sleich ride.
Way from the land of cold and snow,
Weil fitted out you gally so
To cheer the hearts and homes of all
And pay to them a welcome call.
Please send to each child what he wante
And don't forget our mothers, aunts,
Grandmothers, too, and unfeles kind,
Brothers, sisters, too, you'll find
Would like to be remembered when
You pay your visit to all men.
The children, they want candy, too,
And lots of it; it would not do
To ever stint them in that line,
Especially at Christmas time.
Fack up the bag and fill it well
with everythour that's good and nice:
Whip up the reindeer, make them bound
And fly across the snow and ice.
And when we've got you safely in,
I think well try and kee; you there.
Oh, no! We'd better let you go
So you'll come beck again next year."
great deal better poetry, that, than n

A great deal better poetry, that, than much that is printed inside of morocco covers and gilt edges. There! The packet is rummaged through and I must say adieu once more. If I come across any other interesting things in my letters I'll send them down in a hurry. Again a

his gratitude.

He cried and said be would not do so again Merry Christmas Yours sincerely. when Judge Miller sentenced him to the reform AT TELEPHONE HEADQUARTERS, tain age, wife of a highly respected citizen,

was complained against before Judge Miller for the alleged larceny of two cheap tin horns and There Will Be No Holiday Tomorrow Each "Hello" Will Be Answered. a pocket book from the Boston Variety store.
The woman claimed that she picked up the articles with the intention of purchasing them, but was arrested before she had time to have "Helio, central!" Ninetcen young ladies ceased for a moment answering the calls that were coming in at tele- them wrapped and pay for them.

The judge thought she was guilty of the offense charged and fined her \$5. phone headquarters and turned involuntarily at the greeting of a STAR reporter, who had called to wish them a merry Christmas and to tell the which Mary Stewart was defendant. Mary is a people of Washington how they expect to spend Christmas.

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of the citizens in telephone matters are atevidence of her having made a confession was tonded to, is beautifully decorated with ever- given to the court, whereupon Mary was held in \$300 security for the grand jury.

Four oyster dredgers from the lower Potomac were in court this morning. One of them, James Nicholson, was charged with having robbed James Fowler of \$9. The robbery occurred on the steamer Tygert last night. The greens and the picture presented is both interesting and unique. "We know no holiday here," said one of

them to the scribe, "and tomorrow we will be at our post ready and willing to do the bidding curred on the steamer Tygert last night. of our subscribers. dredgers were on their way to their homes to spend Christmas and Nicholson claimed that he It was a busy day and it was really marvelous to see how deftly their fingers flew. The regular click, click, click, as connections were made, was unceasing, and yet, with all the talking, scarcely a whisper could be heard. The young ladies will be pleased to have their friends call tomorrow from 9 to 5 and in jail.

Eddie Stanton, a little colored boy who picked np coal in the Baltimore and Ohio railroad yard, was turned out on his own recognizance. from 9 to 5 and

VIRGINIA'S NEW DISTRICTS.

Gov. McKinney Signs the Act Changing the Apportionment.

witness this interesting work.

Gov. McKinney of Virginia has signed the apportionment bill. The new law makes the following changes from the old apportionment: Senate-Frederick county is placed in the tenth district and Page in the twelfth; Dinwiddie is put in the Petersburg district; Prince George and Surry counties form a district with Sussex and Greensville; Pittsylvania and Danville will elect one senator, as at present, and that county and city and the county of Henry will have a floater; Patrick, Carroll and Grayson will comprise one district and Floyd is placed with Franklin.

House-Richmond city and the districts of Pittsylvania and Danville, Roanoke and Craig and Elizabeth City gain each a member. Bedford loses one.

The following new floater districts are pro-

rided for: Accomac and Education of the County and Matthews, Essex and Middlesex, Page and Rappahannock, Goochland and Flugarian, Appointed and Campbell, Floyd and Franklin, King William and Hanover and New Kent, Charles City, James City, York and Warwick.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. McCullough of Clarkville. The bride was handsomely attired in a light cloth traveling was trimmed in fur, with hat and gloves to the congratulations of vided for: Accomac and Elizabeth City, Glou-cester and Matthews, Essex and Middlesex,

suit, trimmed in fur, with hat and gloves to match. After receiving the congratulations of their numerous friends Mr. and Mrs. Etchison started on an extended southern trip. In the orphans' court on Tuesday the fol-lowing business was transacted: Jacob A. and each be entitled to one delegate:
Accomac, Rappahannock, Campbell, Frank-lin and Hanover. Accomac also elects a floater

TO BUY TEMPLE FARM.

South Carolina Wants the Gover Own the Historic Spot. The South Carolina legislature has adopted a

Samuel S. Groyd, executors of Rebecca A. Groyd, deceased, passed their final account. Wm. T. Poole, administrator of Thomas H. Poole, passed his final account. Richard H. Lansdale, exeutor of Mary A. Lansdale, passed his final account. Jesse W. and Eldridge Moxley, administrators of Risdon Moxley, were ordered to distribute assets in their hands among the resolution instructing South Carolina's Representatives in Congress to prepare and support a bill for the purchase of the Temple farm and Moore house at Yorktown, Va., by the govern-Amanda Keys, a colored woman residing at Brookeville, this county, while walking along the street in front of her house on Tuesday suddenly fell to the ground and died before medical aid could be summoned. A jury of inquest summoned by Justice Weer decided that her death was caused by heart disease.

Mr. Isaac Fyffe, a prominent farmer of Poolesville district, while engaged in feeding his cattle on Saturday last was stricken with paralysis, and now lies in a precarious condition. When found by members of his family he was unconscious and was removed at once ment of the United States, provided the cost of the farm and all improvements shall not exceed a reasonable price, and that the state of Virginia shall exempt it from taxation. The preamble to the resolution states that

the Moore house and Temple farm will carry with them through all time the memories of the siege and the victory by which the allied armies of France and American colonies secured our nation's independence; that during the recent centennial celebration of the event by the citizens and representatives of the republic of France and the United States of America the hope was expressed by the descendants of the officers of both France and America who commanded on the field in 1781 that the farm and house should be preserved and perpetuated as a memorial of the friendly alliance which then and ever since has existed between the people of the two nations, as well as in respect to the memory of those who fell in or survived the attraction that ended the workersted was additional to the content of the properties of the survived that ended the workersted was additional to the content of the c struggle that ended the protracted war and gave peace and hope to a then impoverished struggle that ended the protracted war and gave peace and hope to a then impoverished people; that the property can at this time be secured for a nominal sum and that the product of the farm will probably be ample to preserve and keep the buildings in repair, which are so located as to be well adapted for government purposes on occasions of naval inspections and reviews on York river.

AN AWFUL EXPLOSION.

What Caused the Disaster in the Harbor a Antwerp. Regarding the terrible explosion at Antwerp esterday a dispatch from Antwerp says that the French lugger, Le Pilote, which was blown up at the wharf there with terrible results, was

ound by fishermen in the North sea, abandoned and with twenty thousand kilos of dynamite on board. The fishermen towed the derelict to the river in Antwerp.

On arriving at the wharf, they knowing that the dynamite was not allowed to be kept in any vessel at the docks in Antwerp, pretended to un-

load all that was on board for speedy removal. They concealed half the dynamite, however; on the vessel, intending to smuggle it into town and make a large profit on the sale. One of the fishermen, who was nervous on account of the deadly character of the stuff, dropped in the hold a package, which he had picked up for muggling. Then came the explosion.

Pieces of flesh have been picked up in all diections. Some citizens rescued a portion of a nan's thigh from dogs that were snarling over man's thigh from dogs that were sharfing over it, having found it somewhere in the vicinity. One of the injured had minute particles of the flesh of some victim blown into his skin, so that his face looks as if pitted with dark pim-ples. Efforts have been made all day to recover fragments of the dead from the water, but with-out much success.

Gov. Pennoyer's Presidential Ticket. Gov. Pennoyer of Oregon has permitted the publication of another cracular utterance upon opics of national import. He says: "I would nake the democratic ticket in the next presidential campaign Flower and Bland. They would make the strongest combination we could put in the field."

Commenting on the above the Oregonian will say: "A few more utterances like this and the people will arise in their power and place Oregon's governor himself in the highest office in the gift of the nation."

A private letter from Dr. Peters, the exp shows that his principal occupation has been the killing of natives. He shot 120 natives be tween 8 and 3 o'clock in one day. He is now entrenched at Kilimanjaro. Dr. Peters com-pares his operations in Africa to a campaign of Frederick the Great. Among many Germans his continual slaughter of the Africans only ex-

Rev. Cornelius Tyree, D. D. for many yeaster of the Baptist Church at Salem, died yesterday, aged seventy-eight.

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U.S. Gov't Report.

UNPLEASANT CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

This morning two young colored men en-

after they had gone Mr. Cummins discovered

Harriet Turner on Florida avenue. Mrs.

than two years. He took this way of showing

Elizabeth Tignor, a colored woman of uncer-

took the money to keep it for Fowler. Nicholson will spend the Christmas holidays

NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE.

Pretty Wedding-Notes.

Preparations for the observance of the

other amusements will lend their charms to the

The residence of Mr. Chas. F. Townser

creditors of the deceased. An inventory of the property of the late Catharine L. Bowie was filed.

Amanda Keys, a colored woman residing a

he was unconscious and was removed at once to his residence and medical aid summoned. The whole of his left side is affected by the

The Old Folks' concert given at Poolesville

last week was of such a character as to reflect much credit on the musical talent of the young

ladies and gentlemen of that place who took part in the same. The program for the occa-sion was arranged by Miss Sallie Gassaway, the music being under the direction of Prof. Glen Poole. Miss Nettie Cross presided at the organ,

rendering the instrumental music in fine style. The costumes for the occasion were in keeping with the several old-time characters. Among

those who took the several parts were: Misses Jennie Young. Jessie Elgin, Flora Gassaway, Carrie Williams, Ella Poole, Mamie Pool, Sallie Gassaway, Alice Craft, Dora Hall, Nettie Cross,

Bettie Williams and Messrs. Glen Poole, Walter Williams, Seymonr McLeod, Frement Jones,

Benj. White and George Bemsburg.
Information has been received here of the death at Lexington, Mo., of Mr. Thomas Clagett, a former resident of this county, aged

eighty years. He leaves a widow and several daughters. Mrs. White, relict of the late Frank White,

died on Sunday last at the residence of Mr. Harry Williams, in Poolesville district, leaving

two sons and one daughter.

Mrs. D. H. Mills, aged twenty-six years, died

at her home near Germantown on Friday night

from the neighborhood of Darnestown, which has proved fatal.

Several cases of diphtheria are reported

Among the marriage licenses issued by the clerk of the circuit court yesterday was one to George Stocker, an old soldier and pensioner, whose age is eighty-five years.

8. A. M.

A Pastor Surprised.

A large delegation of the congregation of the

Tabernacle made a surprise which was com-

plete to their pastor, Rev. G. J. Jones, Ph. D.,

on Tuesday evening. It could be seen that he

enjoyed their expression of good will and ap-

preciation of his service. In about ten months

he has gathered a fine congregation, among whom are Rev. J. E. Ramkin, D.D., LL.D.,

and U. S. Senator J. H. Kyle. He has given the right hand of fellowship to about thirty new members. The church is pushing itself to the very front of the work.

At the meeting yesterday of the directors

the National Metropolitan Bank it was decided to increase the dividends on its stock to 16 per

cent per annum by the payment of 5 per cent

for the six months now eading. This action was only taken after adding the sum of \$15,000 to the surplus fund of the bank, which now exceeds the amount of its paid-up capital stock.

The republicans of the twenty-first district held a large meeting last evening in Mt. Sinai

The meeting was called to order by Major W. C. Cox, who was elected chairman, with G. C.

H. Bettera, secretary. Addresses were mad, by J. B. Douglass, E. G. Fletcher and others A mass meeting of the republicans of that dis-trict will be held Wednesday, December 30.

Hon. Robert B. Blacker of Manistee has be

Saptist Church, 14th and B streets norther

ROCKVILLE, December 24, 1891.

ence of The Evening Star.

Preparing for Christmas Celeb

next week.

Oyal Baking Powder **ABSOLUTELY PURE**

held the proprietor in conversation about a Center Market this morning and saw many

IN THE CENTER MARKET.

Sentences Imposed in the Police Court This Everybody Buying Turkeys-Many Stands

Handsomely and Artistically Decorated. This is the day of all the year that the mastered the store of Mr. James D. Cummins, fish ket men look forward to with the greatest in dealer, No. 1334 H street, and one of the men terest. A reporter of THE STAR visited the

business transaction for some minutes and funny and interesting sights. The market opened this morning before it that his pocket book, containing \$48, was was daylight, and all day long there was a steady stream of people. The market house Charles Lee, a colored boy about twelve never beheld such a pretty sight. All of the years old, who wanted a gold watch for Christ- stands were more or less decorated, and some mas, could not wait for the appearance of Santa of them were marvels of artistic arrangement. Claus, but stole one from the house of Mrs. One stand in the game market is especially noticeable. The stand is really a series of four Turner had fed and clothed the boy for more stands, and each one vies with the other in beauty. One represents the products of the Potomac. On it are wild ducks of all descriptions, and the arrangement is beautiful. The wings of some of the more gandily plumaged make a unique decoration to these luscious birds. Another stand represents game and fish from the west. A huge Christmas tres bedecked with prairie chickens and sain from the Columbia river forms a striking center piece. The stand next to this displays venison, both in and out of the skin, while the fourth shows all manner of fish food. Every other person had a turkey. One colored man, with a broad smile on his shining black countenance, was lugging a pair of large

'possums. He was interrogated by the reporter "Dis hyar am de sixty-eighth Crismus Ise done gone fro and would you believe it, honey done gone fro, and would you believe it, honey, Ise as young as I war foty yars ago. Dat is in feelin. An I clar to you in all dem yars I ain't forget to hab a 'possum fer de Crismus dinner. Desc hyar fat rascals am jest right for cookin', and if de good Lord spars me till tomorrow dis time desc hyar ole teef ob mine will be gum deep in 'em. Ha! ha! ha!"

As far as prices are concerned they are much lower than they were this time last year. Turkeys can be purchased at 15 and 18 cents per pound. Last year they were 20 and 25 cents per pound. The supply is extra fine and fully equal to the demand. The royal canvas-back ducks are eagerly grabbed up at \$6.50 a pair. During the last week hundreds of telegrams have been received from all over the co almost begging to buy these ducks. large dealers here absolutely refused to send any out of the city. The result is that Washington has at this time the best supply of can-

vas backs in the country.

Then there are the evergreens. The supply this year is very beautiful and varied The Center Market will be kept open until 10 o'clock tonight, and every one should make a visit there, if only to admire the beautiful display.

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. Christmas holidays in this section have about been completed and promise to be of much in-Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting terest. Family reunions, dinner parties, Growth of the Society. dances, Christmas trees for the children and

The National Geographic Society held its annual meeting for election of officers and holiday week. On Christmas day religious ex- transaction of business last evening at the Comercises will be held in the various churches mos Club. The annual reports of the secreduring the morning hours, after which the balance of the day will be devoted to amusement. that the society is in a prosperous condition, Sunday school entertainments for the schools having a present membership of 420. It was of the Protestant Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist organized four years ago with a membership and Christian churches will be held during of 165. The officers elected for the following year are as follows: President, Gerdiner G. Hubbard; vice presidents, H. G. Ogden, Everett Hayden, A. W. Greely, C. Hart Merriam, Etchison, this county, was on Thursday the scene of a pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Mr. Marcellus Etchison and Miss Blanche Townsend. The attendants were Miss Hattle Dorsey of Howard county and Mr. Jas. Henry Gannett; treasurer, C. J. Bell; recording secretary, F. R. Newell; corresponding secretary, E. R. Scidmore, managers, Marcus Baker, H. F. Blount, G. K. Gilbert, John Hyde, W. J. McGee, T. C. Mendenhall, W. B. Powell, Edw. v. Willits.

CALIFORNIA POLITICS.

ing Corruption and Assessments The grand jury of San Francisco, impaneled lowing business was transacted: Jacob A. and several months ago, has made its final report. Samuel S. Gloyd, executors of Rebecca A. Gloyd, The jury has been engaged in lavestigating scandals that affect members of the last legis lature, and returned indictments against a number of legislators. The supreme court decided against the legality of the jury on the ground that the lower court exceeded its juris

diction in appointing an clisor to select jurors. Under the English law an elisor is an elector or chooser appointed by the court to return jury when the sheriff and the coroner are in

competent. In the report the jury states it discovered that a great deal of corruption existed, and had not the supreme court decided it was an illegal body the jury states it would have initiated such measures as would I are resulted in the permanent abatement of this evil, and would have returned so many indictments that the people of the state would have been appalled regarding the local municipal government. The jury say that the testimony showed that assessments were levied on a number of corporations by one political manager amount-ing to \$100,000 annually and that a large num-ber of employes of the municipality had been

assessed certain percentages of their salaries assessed certain percentages of their salaries for political purposes.

Judge Wallace, in accepting the report, re-viewed the proceedings leading up to the ap-pointment of an elisor, stating that the coroner and sheriff, who, the statute provides, must first be afforded the power of selecting a juror before an elisor can be appointed in the event of failure of the venire, were judicially and openly challenged and announced to be incompetent and disqualified, and that their offices were to have been investigated. He criticised the su-preme court for overlooking this point; fur-ther holding that prior decisions of the supreme court in the Haymond case finding the grand jury was a de facto jury, and late decision in the Brunner case, where it was held that the jury had no legal existence, were utterly inconsistent. In closing, Judge Wallace said: "Some one has blundered, justice been defeated and investigation shows that grave

Two New Sizes of Postal Cards.

The Post Office Department has commenced to issue at the larger post offices the two new sizes of cards. The small card is the same width as the present card, but about one-third of an inch shorter. The large card is fully an inch longer and about three-fourths of an inch wider than the present card. The small card is of much finer quality than the old card, of a of much finer quality than the old card, of a light gray color, very strong and hard to tear. The large card is of commercial yellow color and of very excellent quality. The stamp is the likeness of Gen. Grant; the engraving is the work of the bureau of engraving and printing. All three sizes of cards will be issued and the people will take whichever they prefer. There has been considerable delay in the issue of the new cards, because of the contractor's failure to furnish them according to contract. The quality of the new card is much better than the old card. The new cards will enlarge the facilities for correspondence and for advertising, ities for correspondence and for advertising and it is expected that they will prove a great accommodation to the public.

A distressing scene was witnessed in London yesterday. In the cold, foggy weather which prevailed throughout England forty-eight fam ilies of poor people realing in Leather lane. Holborn, forming about 140 people in all, were dispossessed from a number of tenements in that part of London. Their goods and chattels piled in the streets, surrounded by the weeping women and children and the angry men of the families, formed a heartrending spectacle. Having no other bomes to go to number of the families made fires in the street

A St. Louis afternoon paper prints a rticle to the effect that the meeting of the tin plate manufacturers which is to be held there in January was called for the purpose of pre paring a bill to be presented to Congress in-creasing the import duties on tin one cent per pound. It is alleged that as the tariff now stands the duty is insufficient to afford ade-quate protection, as it leaves an opening for old-established tin-plate factories in the old world to deluge the American market at a time when such action would be decidedly detri-mental to the industry.